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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

THROUGH : Assistant Deputy Director for Support ~~RB~~

SUBJECT : Use of Polygraph as "Lie Detector" by
the Federal Government - Interim Report

1. This Office has reviewed the attached interim report prepared by the Moss Subcommittee. While the report indicates on page 10 that the Agency participated in Executive Session, the report does itself make numerous references to CIA testimony.

2. There are a number of references in the report which we, as an Agency, would prefer changed or deleted. Most of these, however, are not of sufficient significance to warrant raising the problem with Subcommittee Officials. Therefore, we propose raising no objection to any items except the one listed below.

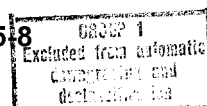
3. One item, however, is a distortion of the CIA position on the use of the polygraph and we would recommend revision of this particular statement if at all possible. This reference appears on page 25 in the last paragraph which states as follows: "A parade of Federal Agency representatives - including the other military services, the Post Office Department, and the Central Intelligence Agency - tried to prove that the polygraph worked." It was, in fact, the Agency's position that the polygraph is a useful tool as an aid to investigation and interrogation. In view of the Agency's position, we would propose rewording this statement as follows: "A parade of Federal Agency representatives - including the other military services and the Post Office Department tried to prove that the polygraph worked. The Central Intelligence Agency testified that the polygraph was a useful tool as an aid to investigations and interrogations."

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Reasons: Polygraph hearings

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Remarks:

Attached FYI are draft recommendations prepared by the Moss Subcommittee staff. Archibald tells me, however, that the Committee has rejected this version and the recommendations will be drastically toned down.

/S/
John S. Warner

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